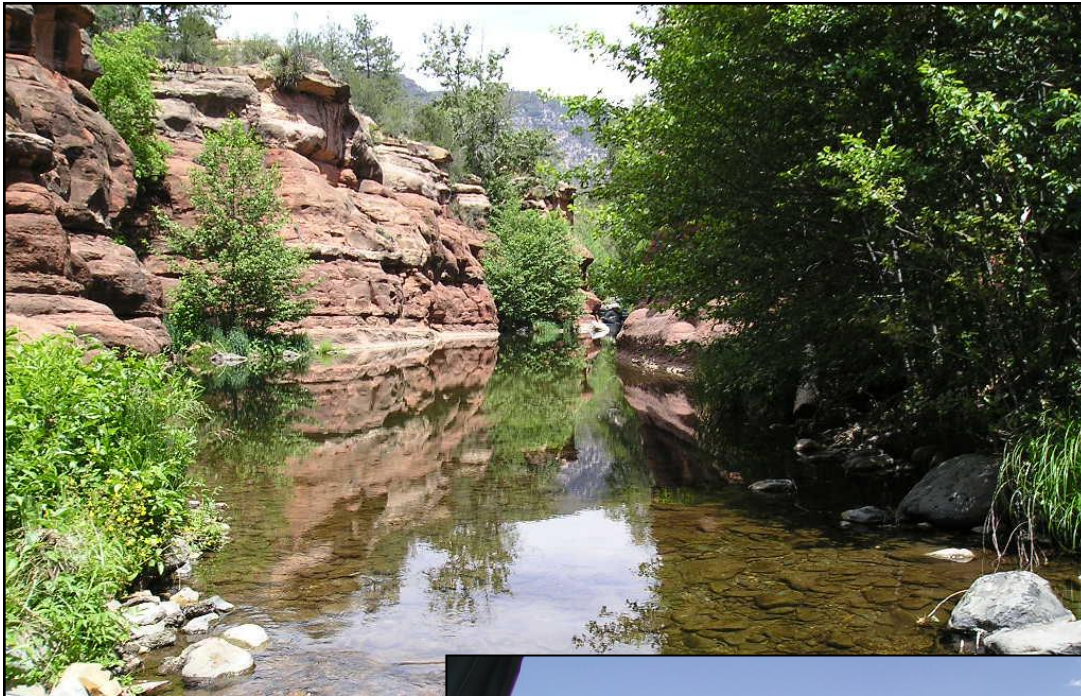


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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

Every two years, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is required by the federal Clean Water Act to conduct a comprehensive analysis of water quality data associated with Arizona's surface waters to determine whether surface water quality standards are being attained and designated uses are being supported. This integrated surface water assessment and impaired waters listing report (2012/14 Integrated Assessment Report) serves three functions.

- Nationally, it fulfills a reporting requirement of the Clean Water Act, and is submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and used to report on national water quality issues and concerns.
- For ADEQ, it provides a mandate to compile environmental data and information from ADEQ's surface water quality monitoring and protection programs, as well as from other agencies, organizations, and individuals. This comprehensive evaluation of quality of water in Arizona is used to set priorities, allocate resources, and make decisions about land use activities, discharges to the water, future monitoring, and program initiatives.
- For the public, it provides an opportunity to learn about and comment on the status of water quality in the state.

Surface Water Assessment Methods and Technical Support

ADEQ has created a separate assessment methods document. It is assumed that the reader will obtain and reference this technical support document when using the information in this assessment.

The Assessment Methods and Technical Support document provides a description of the assessment process and specific assessment and impaired water listing criteria. It also provides information about the monitoring data and information used in this assessment and Arizona's credible data requirements.

Report Overview

Chapter I –	Introduction and Purpose
Chapter II –	Assessments of individual surface waters, organized by watershed
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Appendix C –	Impaired Waters List
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Appendix E –	Delisting Impairments
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Although an attempt was made to avoid technical jargon and unnecessary abbreviations, this is a technical report. Acronyms and terms used in the assessment report are defined in the Assessment Methods and Technical Support document.

CHAPTER II

WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENTS BY WATERSHED

Assessment summaries are reported alphabetically by individual assessment units (stream reaches and lakes) in this chapter and grouped by the 10 watersheds, as illustrated on the following map: Bill Williams Watershed, Colorado /Grand Canyon Watershed, Colorado / Lower Gila Watershed, Little Colorado/San Juan Watershed, Middle Gila Watershed, Salt Watershed, San Pedro Watershed, Santa Cruz Watershed, Upper Gila Watershed, and Verde Watershed. If the reader is uncertain about which watershed to look in for assessment information, an alphabetical listing of surface waters assessed is provided in Appendix A.

Assessment Information

A summary page is provided for each assessed waterbody indicating:

- Designated use support and an overall assessment
- Impairment status and pollutant causing impairment (if applicable)
- Monitoring data used in the assessment
- List of Exceedances
- Data gaps and monitoring priorities.

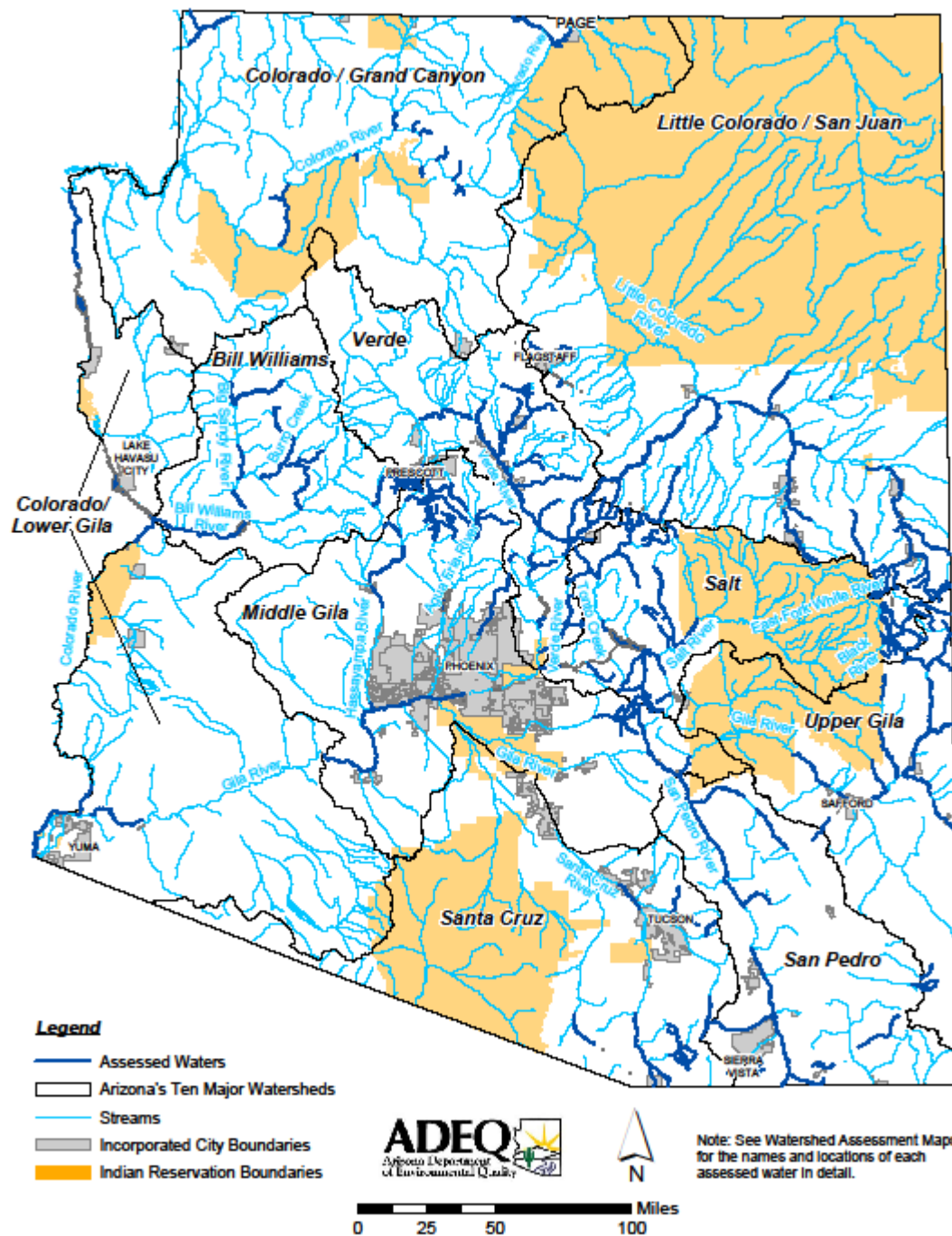
Page 3 of this chapter provides an example summary page with information on “How to Read” the individual waterbody assessment pages.

The reader should refer to the Surface water Assessment Methods and Technical Support document for information concerning the assessment process, determining exceedances, assessment criteria, assessment categories, and monitoring prioritization criteria.

Watershed Information

General background information and maps are provided for each watershed to provide some context for the assessments. One map (or a series of maps) shows the assessed surface waters.

2012/2014 Statewide Assessed Waters



How to Read an Assessment Summary Page

"Attaining" or "Inconclusive" Summary Page

Waterbody Name

- Each watershed report is organized alphabetically by waterbody names.

Watershed Name

- appears as a side-header on each page

Parameter Name

- Superscript "d" after a metal name denotes dissolved constituent.
- No superscript after a metal name denotes total.

Number and Types of Samples

- Number of events used in assessment.
- An event is represented by samples collected at a site during a 7-day period.

Monitoring Priority

- High, Medium, or Low based on the criteria defined in the Assessment Methods and Technical Support document
- Used to schedule and prioritize future monitoring

Assessment Unit Information

- Reach Description
- Waterbody ID (8 digit HUC + reach/lake number)
- Reach Length/ Lake Area

Overall Assessment Category

- The worst-case designated use support represents overall category for the assessment unit.

Designated Use Support

- Based on exceedances and data gaps

Parameter-Level Assessment Based on Exceedances

- Exceedances determine impairment (core parameters and seasonal coverage are not examined here. See Data Gaps.)
- Comments on assessment methods (e.g., binomial, 2-year median, etc.) and applicable assessment windows (e.g., 5-year assessment period vs last 3 years)
- Comments on exemptions

Exceedances

Parameter	Applicable Standard	Assessment	Designated Use Support
Ammonia	0.05 mg/L	0.05 mg/L	Supports
Ammonia	0.05 mg/L	0.05 mg/L	Supports

Monitoring Summary

Parameter	Sample Size	Core	Seasonal	Impairment
Ammonia	1	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ammonia	1	Yes	Yes	Yes

Data Gaps and Monitoring Needs

Parameter	Location	Seasonal	Impairment
Ammonia	0.05 mg/L	Yes	Yes
Ammonia	0.05 mg/L	Yes	Yes

Data Gaps

- "Inconclusive" parameters with insufficient data to assess
- Core parameters and seasonal distribution determine attainment. Missing core parameters and/or seasonal distribution means inconclusive use support (even if parameter-level assessment is attaining).
- Parameters that could not be assessed due to detection limits higher than the standards

"Impaired" or "Not Attaining" Summary Page

Pollutant Causing Impairment

- Impaired parameters and years first added to the 303(d) list of impaired waters
- May include EPA Impairments (parameters over-filed by EPA based on federal regulations)

Waterbody Name

Assessment Unit Information

Overall Assessment Category

Designated Use Support

Exceedances

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See the Assessment Methods and Technical Support document for more information on the assessment process.